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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 631
By Patton

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. McKinney
on the celebration of their 50th wedding
anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those persons who, through the bonds of holy matrimony, have built a life together full of joy, sorrow, pain, thereby establishing a strong foundation upon which they both thrive and ultimately rejoice; and

WHEREAS, Ernest and Marion McKinney have achieved this bountiful life together through 50 years of marital bliss and divine union; and

WHEREAS, on April 9th, 1950, Ernest McKinney took the most important step of his life, by marrying the most beautiful and charming woman he had ever met in his life, the ever-radiant Marion Birdwell; and

WHEREAS, Marion McKinney, formerly served as a social worker in the Washington County school system, and is also a retired nurse; and

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WHEREAS, Ernest McKinney is a valuable member and past chairman of the Washington County School Board, and former vice-principal of Science Hill High School and Langston High School, as well as being a former principal of Booker Taliaferro Washington School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKinney previously served with acumen and alacrity as a member of the Jonesborough Board of Mayor and Aldermen; and

WHEREAS, three noteworthy individuals stand as a testament to the love and devotion the McKinneys share, those who were born as a result of this most spiritual bond, their children: Ernest Jr., William, and Kevin, who in turn have produced the McKinneys' six adorable grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. McKinney serve as an example for newlyweds hoping to embark upon a life of wedded bliss; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years, this union has endured to stand as a testament to the power of love and family; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the McKinneys' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Ernest and Marion McKinney, our heartfelt congratulations for achieving 50 glorious years of fulfillment through their loving marriage, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.